

# 2017 USA Triathlon Mid-Atlantic Paratriathlon Race Series

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The Mid-Atlantic Region's has established the USAT Mid-Atlantic Region Paratriathlon Race Series. The series was developed through the coordination of the Region's Paratriathlon Committee and Race Directors throughout the region and is designed to provide opportunities and competition for paratriathletes to race close to home, introduce new paratriathletes to multi-sport, and encourage race organizers to produce events specifically designed for paratriathletes.

The series will run from March through October. Triathletes will earn points based on their performances at the races in the series, and overall winners will be awarded at the end of the season.

## Series Eligibility

The Mid-Atlantic Region Paratriathlon Series is open to all paratriathletes, including physically challenged (PC) open divisional athletes. Series events are independently operated and entry is not guaranteed. Event directors have the right to limit the number of participants in their event. It is in the athlete's best interest to register in advance for all of the races in which they plan to participate.

USA Triathlon offers a paratriathlon annual membership option. Details can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/USAT-for-Me/Athlete-Resources/Paratriathletes/Paratriathlete-Membership>

## Overall Series Winners to be Awarded in 2017

The Mid-Atlantic Paratriathlon Series will be awarding overall Series winners across several categories for both women and men.

## Series Eligibility and Scoring

- Paratriathletes are as defined by USAT rules, <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/About/Multisport/Competitive-Rules#Paratriathlon>
- Paratriathletes may compete in series races without official classification or separate categories, but will be classified as noted below for scoring purposes.

- Formal paratriathlon classification into approved categories is not required to be eligible to score in the series, but once classified, the athlete will be scored in the appropriate category
- A racer’s category is established by their classification and age on December 31, 2017.
- If an athlete is (re-)classified, their points do not carry over to their new category
- Each paratriathlete must participate in at least two races as an individual racer to be series eligible.
- The top 5 finishers in each category at each race will earn Series points.
- The top two scores for each paratriathlete will be tallied to determine Series standings at the conclusion of the race calendar.
- Race results will be taken from official race organization webpage/link following the conclusion of the event, but series results may not be updated for up to a week after the event.
- The top females and males with the most Series points in each category will be awarded and recognized at the conclusion of the race series calendar.

**CATEGORIES (Both genders, scored separately)**

There are twelve (12) categories in total for the series, six (6) per gender and three (3) for each age range.

Category	Age Range	Classifications		
<b>Open</b>	16-39	Wheelchair (PT1)	Non-wheelchair (PT2-5)	PC Open
<b>Masters</b>	40+	Wheelchair (PT1)	Non-wheelchair (PT2-5)	PC Open

**Point Breakdown per race**

- 1st place in category = 25 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in category = 20 points
- 3rd place in category = 15 points
- 4th place in category = 10 points
- 5th place in category = 5 points

**Series Scoring**

At each race, the top 5 finishers within each category will earn points. The top two scores of each athlete will be tallied at the series’ end and the top-athletes in each category – of each gender – at the end of the series will be recognized and awarded. Athletes need to participate in two or more events to be eligible for series awards.

In the event of a tie between two or more athletes, scores will be weighted in the following order:

1. Size of the paratriathlete participation (all categories combined) in the scoring races, with a larger field carrying more weight than a smaller one.
2. Total series races completed
3. Results at the regional championship

Ties will only be broken for award placement in each category in the series. Series results will be updated and posted on the USAT Mid-Atlantic Region page ([HYPERLINK](#)). Overall series winners will be announced following the final race of the series.

### **Race Cancellations and Alterations**

If an event is altered to a format that includes a transition and at least 2 disciplines, points will still be awarded. If a race is changed to a single-sport format or canceled no points will be awarded for that event.

### **Series Questions**

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## **2017 USA Triathlon Mid-Atlantic Paratriathlon Race Series – Tentative**

The following races comprise the race series. Each of the following races has agreed to maintain or to add a paratriathlete/PC category for the 2017 season, including paratriathlete/PC category as an option in registration, starting the paratriathletes first, as well as making sure roads are safe for all racers.

<b>RACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<a href="#"><u>Sampson County Super Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	March 25, 2017	Raleigh, NC
<a href="#"><u>Beaverdam Olympic and Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	May 13, 2017	Wake Forest, NC
<a href="#"><u>Rock Hall Sprint Triathlon*</u></a> <b>designated as Regional Championship</b>	June 4, 2017	Rock Hall, MD
<a href="#"><u>TriRock Philadelphia Triathlon -</u></a> <b>Sprint distance</b>	June 24, 2017	Philadelphia, PA
<a href="#"><u>TriRock Philadelphia Triathlon -</u></a> <b>Olympic distance</b>	June 25, 2017	Philadelphia, PA
<a href="#"><u>Quarterman Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	July 15, 2017	Egg Harbor City, NJ
<a href="#"><u>Rex Wellness Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	August 13, 2017	Raleigh, NC
<a href="#"><u>Washington Olympic and Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	August 19, 2017	Washington, NC
<a href="#"><u>Nation's Triathlon</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Olympic or Sprint Distance</u></a>	September 10, 2017	Washington, DC
<a href="#"><u>Long Beach Island Triathlon</u></a>	September 17, 2017	Long Beach Island, NJ
<a href="#"><u>Waterman's Sprint Triathlon</u></a>	October 1, 2017	Rock Hall, MD